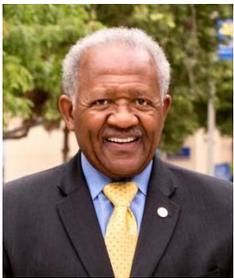




Presidential Search Continues

The CSU Search Committee for the Selection of the President will meet on campus in closed session Monday, February 5, 2018 to review applications and select candidates to be interviewed. Interviews will be conducted on Thursday and Friday, March 1-2, 2018 at an off-site location to be determined. The Board of Trustees will interview top candidates on Monday, March 19, 2018. We anticipate the announcement of the next president of CSUB during that week. The presidential search website can be accessed [here](#). Questions regarding the search process may be directed to **Dr. Evelyn Young Spath**, Chief of Staff to the President, at eyoung3@csub.edu or **Dr. Lars Walton**, Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to the Chancellor, at lwalton@calstate.edu.

MLK, Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award



I was pleased to be honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. community breakfast. Also honored were **Essie Davis**, retired South High School vice principal; **Odella Johnson**, retired Bakersfield College administrator; **Lisa Green**, the departing Kern County District Attorney; **Ramon Hendrix**, superintendent of the Greenfield Union School District and former principal of Stockdale High School; **Harry "Doc" Ervin**, superintendent of the Bakersfield City School District; **Darryl Johnson**, director of human resources at Panama-Buena Vista Union School District; **Karyn Bostick**, dance director at the MLK Community Center; and

Bakari Sanyu, for his 20 years as a volunteer tutor at the MLK Community Center.



Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Business Man of the Year Award

The Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will install its incoming board of directors and recognize local leaders at its annual awards dinner on Saturday, February 3, 2018, 6:00 p.m., at the Bakersfield Marriott at the Convention Center downtown. I have been selected as KCHCC's Business Man of the Year along with the following honorees: Business Woman of the Year: **Pam Alvarez**, Beautiful You Medical Aesthetics; Small Business of the Year: **Godinez Law**; Large Business of the Year: **Luis Aguilar**, El Pueblo; Corporation of the Year: **Trans-West Security**; Nonprofit Organization of the Year: **Patriots of Kern**; and Community Service Award: **Beverly Camp**, Catholic Charities. For ticket information, please call 633-5495, email mail@kchcc.org or visit its Facebook page: @KCHCC.

Pat Jacobs Retirement



We thanked and bade farewell to **Pat Jacobs** upon his retirement at the end of December for his fifteen years of service to CSUB. Pat served as Director of Physical Planning, Design & Construction from 2001 to 2006, and returned to serve as Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management in 2007. During his time at CSUB, Pat oversaw the construction of numerous buildings, including the Dezember Leadership Development Center, the Science III Building,

Student Recreation Center, the Engineering Complex, Student Housing East, Visual Arts, and the Humanities Complex. He characteristically delivered projects on or ahead of time and at or below budget. Pat served on numerous committees, including the Campus Master Plan Committee, and as co-chair of the Transportation Committee and the President's Sustainability Committee, overseeing the installation of drought-tolerant landscaping on campus. In recognition of his service, the Academic Senate commended Pat "for his vision, stewardship, and advocacy for campus facilities in terms of sustainability and university needs, and for his openness, resourcefulness, and support for facilities management, upgrades and growth" (RES 151621, June 2, 2016).

WANG Family Excellence Award Nominees

Please join me in acknowledging our 2018 Wang Family Excellence Awards nominees who were among candidates from each campus considered by a selection committee of the Board of Trustees (BOT).



Dr. Anne Duran - *Outstanding Faculty Teaching* nominee. Dr. Duran is the department chair and professor of psychology, and the recipient of the 2016-2017 Millie Ablin Excellence in Teaching Award. Her apprenticeship model affords dozens of students the opportunity to conduct research in the "Social Psychology Academics, Research, and Knowledge" (SPARK) lab, strengthening their critical thinking skills. She fosters understanding of the LGBTQ community through the annual Ally Rally. As a peer mentor on campus and at the national level through her role as Director of the *Terman Teaching Conference*, she is an outstanding resource for educators. She describes reaching students through innovative teaching as follows:

When students are involved in the learning process, either through activities or engaging lectures, they are more likely to "own" the information. One activity I do is a flash mob, where the students do an unusual, unexpected activity in a public place, and reflect on how it felt to be different from society, but similar within a smaller group (see *Flash mobs: Social influence in the 21st century*, Duran, 2006). I also created a course called "The Psychology of Sexual Orientation" (PSO) for the CSUB campus; one activity in this class is to report on a person who has made a difference in the LGBTQIA community.



Dr. Brandon Pratt - *Outstanding Faculty Scholarship* nominee. Dr. Pratt is a nationally and internationally recognized and respected plant ecophysiological who combines student mentorship with cutting-edge scientific research.

He has produced more than 40 peer-reviewed publications, co-authored one book, and has been awarded more than \$6.5 million in external and competitive research grants. The grants awarded to Dr. Pratt have supported three post-doctoral scholars, several graduate students, and more than 30 undergraduate students in his research. Of the supported undergraduate students, at least eight went on to graduate or professional post-baccalaureate programs. Students also have been either first author (5) or co-author (13) on peer-reviewed publications. Dr. Pratt is the associate editor of *The American Journal of Botany*. The research he conducted under the competitive National Science Foundation's CAREER award broke new ground in addressing previously unexamined aspects of how plants store resources in their vascular system. His research has been extensively cited with five papers that have each received more than 100 citations (Google Scholar, accessed Oct. 29, 2017), indicating his publications are

significantly impacting his research field. Dr. Pratt is the recipient of the 2016-2017 Faculty Scholarship and Creative Activity Award.



Dr. Evelyn Young Spath – *Outstanding Staff Performance* nominee. Dr. Young Spath, Chief of Staff to the President, champions environmental sustainability, food security, alternate transportation, student success, and internships.

Her doctoral research policy analysis on math remediation and the CSU Entry-Level Mathematics placement test contributed to the systemwide elimination of the exam. Dr. Young Spath successfully advocated for new public transit rapid routes between CSUB and Bakersfield College and wrote a \$1.2 million federal grant to renovate our campus public transit stop. Construction will begin this summer. Don Hart Drive West, the main entrance to campus, will be resurfaced as part of the project, saving the university approximately \$325,000. She collaborated with Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) the Student Recreation Center, and Business and Administrative Services to establish our bike share program, and with ASI to foster student-led recycling. She established the Energize Colleges program which provides paid student internships and research opportunities in energy and sustainability. Dr. Young Spath established and continues to organize *Celebrate CSUB!*, our annual open house, which has operated for more than a decade.

The BOT announced the [awardees](#) in each category at their meeting on January 30, 2018.

CSUB Mobile Has Launched

CSUB Mobile, our official mobile application, is now available. The app provides quick access to courses, assignments, events, news, campus map and directory, GET schedules and stops, emergency services, notifications, and many more features. The app can be downloaded [here](#).

University Advancement Welcomes Directors



Heath Niemeyer and **Martha Leon** have joined the staff in University Advancement as Directors of Development. Heath earned a B.A. in anthropology from CSU Fullerton and previously served as Vice President of Resource Development for United Way prior to coming to CSUB. He will work with the Schools of Arts & Humanities, Business and Public Administration, and with university-wide programs.



Martha is a CSUB alumna who earned a B.S. in environmental resource management with a minor in chemistry. She comes to CSUB most recently from the Dolores Huerta Foundation where she served as public relations associate. Prior to that, she was an environmental chemist at BC Laboratories, Inc. Martha will work with the Schools of Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Engineering; Social Sciences and Education, and the Walter Stiern Library. Please join **Victor Martin**, Vice President for University Advancement, and me in welcoming Heath and Martha.

Students Prepare to Vote on Fee Referendum to Expand the Student Union

Our current Student Union was built in 1994 to accommodate a student population of 5,000. Nearly 25 years later, we have more than 10,000 enrolled students. The facility does not meet students' current and future needs. The Student Union commissioned a third-party needs assessment in August 2016 to understand student interest in supporting a potential renovation and/or expansion and specific spaces and programming students desire. Focus groups with stakeholders, user group meetings, student interviews, discussions, and an electronic survey revealed the need for additional programming spaces that would improve Student Union operations, including:

- Flexible and large event space
- Meeting/Study Rooms
- Computer Lab
- Game Room
- Auditorium
- Expanded food service options
- Outdoor Pool

These spaces call for the current facility to be expanded to include the construction of a two-story building which will be connected to the existing SU and an extended front patio/plaza area. Approximately 80-100 student assistant jobs would be created, including student manager positions. For CSUB Antelope Valley, improvements would include:

- Upgrade classroom furniture Upgrade technology (computer lab, classrooms, ITV classrooms, study rooms);
- Provide transportation to seven (7) athletic games for 50 passengers or 10% of student population, whichever is greater (each student can bring up to 3 family members);
- CSUB Athletics will hold 4 Preseason athletic games in the Lancaster Area annually;
- This year graduating class will receive a 2-year pass to attend CSUB athletic events for free;
- An increase to the programming budget in consultation with Student Life Advancement Committee (SLAC);
- A Fall and Spring SRC Outdoor Adventure trip each semester from the AV campus.

Detailed information about the proposed expansion and the student fee referendum, including an extensive question-and-answer section, is available [here](#).

Construction on Campus

Groundbreaking has begun on a third modular building in the engineering complex. The building will be ready for occupancy by the end of the spring semester. This building has been funded by the \$6M Department of Education science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) pathways grant and will house staff associated with the grant and the NSME advisors. It also will have a meeting space that will be used for tutoring, supplemental instruction and workshops, mentor meetings, and other activities designed to improve STEM student success.

CSUB Dining Offers Variety of Options

To address the needs of our students, the University has begun to expand the food service options not only in the Student Union with the additions of Panda Express and Starbucks, but also around campus with the newly renovated all-you-can-eat Runner Café, Which Wich, and Curbside Food truck. All of these dining options are open to faculty and staff, including all-you-can-eat meal plans.

ASI Awards Scholarships

For the second consecutive year, ASI was able to offer \$500 student scholarships and to increase the number of scholarships given from seven to ten. One hundred twenty-five applications were submitted which included short answer questions, an essay, and a letter of recommendation. A special thanks to **Dr. Ivy Cargile, Dr. Gitika Commuri, Dr. Debra Jackson, Taylor Jackson, Scott Swan, Nereyda Barreto, and Mohammed Cook** for serving on the committee. Congratulations to our scholarship awardees, 5 of whom have 4.0 GPAs and 3 of whom have 3.9 GPAs:

Abril Zendeja - Undergraduate - Main Campus
Amanda Khatib - Graduate student - CSUB AV
Allison Dodge - Graduate student - CSUB AV
Blake McKee - Undergraduate - Main Campus

Chyna Parker - Graduate student
Clarice Poblete - Undergraduate - Main Campus
Ethena Jae Francisco Pinoliar - Undergraduate - Main Campus
Evelyn Camacho - Undergraduate - Main Campus
Rebekah Barnes - Undergraduate - Main Campus
Troy Guess - Teaching Credential

Save the Dates!
CSUB GospelFest 2018
 February 9, 2018
 Icardo Center



Alumni Hall of Fame
 February 16, 2018

Homecoming Week
 February 19-24, 2018

2018 Bakersfield Jazz Festival at CSUB
 April 27-28, 2018

Celebrate CSUB! 2018
 April 28, 2018

President's Retirement - Campus Celebration
 May 4, 2018
 Icardo Center

Athletics Spring BBQ
 May 10, 2018

2018 Commencement
 May 18-19, 2018

President's Retirement & Scholarship Dinner
 June 9, 2018
 Marriott Hotel at the Convention Center

What's Going On?

Find academic, alumni, arts & culture, campus life, community, or athletics events on [Events Calendar](#). Access the calendar from our home page by clicking the "Calendar of Events" link at the bottom of the page. [Plan an event](#) using the 25Live online scheduling program.

University Council

University Council is an open forum for members of the campus community to voice concerns or make suggestions for continued improvement. All faculty, staff, and students are welcome to attend. The next meeting is Friday, February 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Albertson Room.

I look forward to seeing around campus or at an upcoming University or community event.

Take Care,

Horace Mitchell
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 President